(b) whether P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association having representation of about 22 1/2 per cent of total employees, has been given recognition in Department of Posts and Telecom, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the facilities extended to the representatives of Association to represent the cases of SC/ST employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Departments of Posts and Telecom, follow the rules and instructions framed by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training in the matter of recognition to service Unions/Associations.

(b) No, Sir. The P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association could not be recognised by the Departments of Posts & Telecom as it did not satisfy the norms and conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

Bus Terminal at Vasant Vihar

469. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the site for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has been identified;

(b) if so, by when the bus terminal is likely to be commissioned;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the matter; and

(d) what further steps are being taken for commissioning the same at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present DTC has no proposal for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Regularisation of daily wages wiremen working in MTNL, New Delhi

470. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are wiremen working on daily wages in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi having service of five to thirteen years who have not been regularised till today, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of such candidates and number of SC/ST therein;

(c) by when these employees are likely to be regularisd on the post of wiremen; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve any time bound scheme to regularise SC/ST candidates and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 123 daily wage mazdoors working as wiremen in MTNL, New Delhi. All of them have however, been given temporary status, under which a number of benefits as given in statement are admissible to them.

(b) There are 27 SC/ST persons under this category.

(c) There being no regular vacancies in the cadre of wireman, no time limit for regularisation of these employees can be fixed. However, temporary status has already been granted to them as stated above.

(d) There is no proposal at present to regularise the temporary status SC/ST wiremen in a specific time frame. They will be regularised as and when the vacancies become available.

Statement

Benefits admissible to temporary status persons working as Mazdoors/Wiremen

Temporary status would entitle the casual labourers to the following benefits:

(i) Wages at daily rates with reference to the minimum of the pay scale